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SUMMARY. PRESIDENT MALLOUM MAKES HARD LINE SPEECH.

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HISSEN HABRE GIVES PRESS CONFERENCE. VP ABDOUL GASSIM
MAKES APPEAL TO GOUKOUNI. MILITARY SITUATION STABLE.

1. IN ADDRESS TO THE NATION AT 11 AM LOCAL, PRESIDENT
MALLOUM TODAY MADE A HARD LINE SPEECH REVIEWING GOC
EFFORTS FOR NATIONAL RECONCILIATION AND CONTRASTING
THEM WITH FROLINAT DUPLICITY AND AGGRESSION. HE SAID

THAT FROLINAT AGENTS HAD BEEN SENT TO NUMEROUS POINTS IN THE INTERIOR OF THE COUNTRY WITH THE DOUBLE MISSION OF RECRUITING NORTHERNERS FROM THE ARMY, CIVIL SERVICE AND LOCAL POPULACE AS WELL AS AGITATING AGAINST THE GOC AND FOR THE DEPARTURE OF FRENCH FROM COUNTRY. HE ADDED THAT MILITARY TEAMS FOR THE MIXED CEASE-FIRE COMMISSION HAD LEFT FOR THEIR OBSERVATION POSTS IN KORO-TORO, FAY, BECHE, ARADA AND NDJAMENA.

2. BEGINNING YESTERDAY AND REPEATED AT INTERVALS LAST NIGHT AND THIS MORNING, A COMMUNIQUE FROM SUDANESE VP ABDOUL GASSIM TO QUOTE FRERE GOUKOUNI UNQUOTE HAS BEEN BROADCAST IN FRENCH AND ARABIC INFORMING THE REBELS THAT QADHAFI CONFIRMED TO GASSIM THAT GOUKOUNI ACCEPTS THE CEASE-FIRE AND THE INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN THE COMMISSION UNDER THE TERMS OF THE SEBHA AND BENGHAZI AGREEMENTS. A LIBYAN AIRPLANE WILL LEAVE TODAY TO INSTALL THE MILITARY COMMITTEE AT FAYA AND ANOTHER AIRPLANE WILL LEAVE TOMORROW WITH THE TEAMS FOR ABECHÉ, ARADA AND SALAL. HE EMPHASIZED THAT RESPECT FOR THE CEASE-FIRE IS IMPORTANT IN THAT IT WOULD PERMIT THE GOC TO REDUCE FRENCH FORCES. GASSIM THEREFORE REQUESTED HIS BROTHER GOUKOUNI TO KEEP HIS PROMISE AND RESPECT THE DIRECTIVES SO THAT CHADIANS CAN FIND A SOLUTION TO THEIR OWN PROBLEM FOR MAINTAINING STABILITY AND FAVORING NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT. CHARGE HAS OBSERVED LIBYAN C-130
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TAKE OFF FROM AIRPORT ON TWO SEPARATE MISSIONS, THE SECOND OF THESE WAS IN LATE MORNING AND THE PRESENCE OF GOC PRESIDENTIAL HONOR GUARD INDICATES SUDANESE VP MAY HAVE RETURNED TO KHARTOUM.

3. YESTERDAY'S OTHER PRESS CONFERENCE WAS GIVEN BY HISSEN HABRE AND INCLUDED A LONG INTERVIEW WITH JOURNALISTS FROM AFP, REUTERS AND CHADIAN NEWS AGENCY, IN WHICH HE DECLARED SUPPORT FOR GOC CALL FOR RETURN TO PEACE AND NATIONAL RECONCILIATION, FOLLOWING WHICH ALL FOREIGN FORCES SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN (INCLUDING FRENCH). THIS PARTICULARLY, HOWEVER, WAS DIRECTED AGAINST LIBYAN INTERVENTION WHICH WAS TAKING OVER CHAD AND BUILDING FORTIFIED AIR FIELDS WITHIN THE COUNTRY. AMONG OTHER POINTS, HABRE REVIEWED VARIOUS FROLINAT FACTIONS CITING BOTH GOUKOUNI AND HIS OWN PLUS BAGHLANI, EX-ABBA SIDDICK AND THIRD ARMY.

4. DESPITE THE FACT THAT VARIOUS SOURCES HAVE INFORMED ALMOST EVERY MEMBER OF THE COUNTRY TEAM THAT THE FRENCH JAGUARS ARE FLYING SORTIES AGAINST AN ADVANCING FROLINAT COLUMN, THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR HAS

TAKEN THE INITIATIVE WITH ME TO STATE THAT THERE IS NO
RPT NO FROLINAT ADVANCE AND THAT THE JAGUARS ARE NOT
RPT NOT FLYING COMBAT MISSIONS. HE SAYS, AS PRESIDENT
GISCARD HAS EMPHASIZED, THESE AIRCRAFT ARE NOT NOW
BENG USED HERE AND ARE FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL REASONS
ONLY. AMBASSADOR DALLIER ALSO DENIES THAT AN ADDITIONAL
TEN JAGUARS ARE ON THEIR WAY. HE STATES HE HAS SENT
HIS MINISTRY A TELEGRAM PROTESTING THE MISINFORMATION
BEING BROADCAST ON RADIO FRANCE INTER. A NUMBER OF
OUR SOURCES CLAIM TO HAVE SEEN CREWS LOADING AMMUNITION
WHEN THE JAGUAR LAND TO REFUEL AT NDJAMENA. FOR THE
MOMENT, I AM WILLING TO BELIEVE THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR

IN THAT NO GENERAL ATTACK PROBABLY HAS BEEN LAUNCHED
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BUT I SUSPECT A FEW SHORT WARNING BURSTS MAY
HAVE BEEN FIRED HERE AND THERE TO DISCOURAGE THE REBELS
FROM ANY FURTHER ADVANCES. DALSIMER

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